

2008 Help America Vote College Program Awardees

1) Loyola University

Loyola University was awarded \$30,322. Their plan is to conduct an Equipment Manager Recruitment Initiative for Cook, County Illinois, which will recruit approximately 315 college students to serve as Equipment Managers in suburban Cook County for the November election. Loyola's Division of Public Affairs will achieve this goal through an on-campus student organization recruitment contest. At the contest, students will compete to recruit the most Equipment managers for the general election. The contest based program has proven effective through Loyola's experience in the 2008 primary election, where Loyola in conjunction with the Cook County Clerk's Office successfully recruited and trained 150 college students.

2) Muhlenberg College – Lehigh County Voting Integrity & Civic Education Project

Muhlenberg College – Lehigh County Voting and Integrity and Civic Education Project was awarded \$10,409. The project aims to assist the Lehigh County, PA Office of Voter Registration and Elections in recruiting and training 40-60 college students as poll workers. Additionally, they plan to recruit an additional 10-15 students who will serve as Spanish-language translators and interpreters at the polls on Election Day. Two of the main recruitment strategies that will be employed will be an integration of the poll worker program into course requirements and campus wide volunteer outreach and recruitment.

3) Winona State University

Winona State University was awarded \$29,495. They plan to recruit and place 100 students as election judges for the November 2008 general election. Students will be recruited from specific classes and asked to complete a pre and post test regarding their experience. In addition, Winona State plans to implement a service learning project in the classroom. As the state of Minnesota needs an estimated 30,000 election judges for the upcoming November election, the Secretary of State has expressed strong support of Winona State's program to assist in recruiting college students to serve as election judges.

4) Golden Key International Honor Society

Golden Key International Honor Society was awarded \$32,167. Golden Key's goal is to have 500,000 or more college students hear about the college program through marketing efforts. In addition, their goal is to have 1,500 or more college students serve as poll workers. Recruitment tools will include informational events, posters, brochures, and peer-to-peer motivation.

5) Washtenaw Community College

Washtenaw Community College was awarded \$30,767. Their goal is to encourage 115 students enrolled largely at Washtenaw Community College, but also at neighboring universities, to assist the local government in administering elections by serving as poll workers or assistants. The College will encourage political science or other instructors to provide extra credit to students for their participation. Recruitment of students will be accomplished through connections with other student organizations, kick-off events, campus newspaper ads, flyers, and posters.

6) Northampton County Area Community College

Northampton County Area Community College was awarded \$30,704. The plan is to utilize service-learning strategies that mobilize students using a course-based, service-learning experience that joins meaningful community service activities to related course material. In addition, community service will be ensured through peer networks such as student government, club, sorority and sports extra-curricular voluntary service. Campus-wide kick-off and wrap-up events where students, faculty, community leaders, and local election officials discuss the significance of civic responsibility and engagement in the democratic process will also be organized. These activities aim to recruit no fewer than 100 volunteers.

7) Texans Together Education Fund

Texans Together Education Fund was awarded \$32,167. The *Help Houston Vote* project targets minority young adults with the purpose of placing them as trained assistant poll workers in Harris County Precinct One. This project will assist in creating a more ethnically diverse, multi-lingual, and younger generation to work at the polls. The goal is to recruit 100 students to serve as poll workers in Precinct One in the November election.

8) University of Baltimore

The University of Baltimore was awarded \$32,103. It is a goal of the University of Baltimore to supply approximately 300 election judges for the Baltimore metropolitan area and meet the needs of the Baltimore City and Baltimore County election boards. Recruiters will work as a team to develop and implement an outreach plan that will include distribution of posters and flyers, speaking to student organizations and classrooms, articles in school publications, and peer-to-peer recruitment.

9) American University

American University (AU) was awarded \$32,167. AU's goal is to recruit 150 AU and other university students to serve as poll technicians or poll workers for the November election. The university also has the goal of developing a core curriculum in election administration based on lessons learned from the program to provide continuing technical assistance to the DC Board of Elections, and a certificate program for AU students. AU will attempt to recruit participants from AU's 2006 Poll Worker Program to serve as team leaders for the 2008 Program. There will be strong collaboration with student organizations to advertise the program. In addition, AU will employ a catchy and attention-getting slogan in its efforts to publicize the program.

10) Vassar College

Vassar College was awarded \$31,785. The grant will assist Vassar College in developing and implementing the Help Dutchess County Vote College Program in conjunction with the Help America Vote College Program. Vassar College's objectives goals include training 20 fellows and recruiting and training 200 poll workers. Outreach will include flyers, tabling, radio station and campus newspaper announcements, and Poll Worker drives will be held during the first two weeks of school.

11) Middlesex Community College

Middlesex Community College was awarded \$18,852. They propose to have a one-credit special topics course called *Elections and Civic Participation in America*. Middlesex Community College's program goal is to completely meet the poll worker staffing needs of each of the participating municipalities and to have 100 percent of the students that are enrolled in the course complete a full day of work on Election Day. They anticipate training about 97 college students.

12) Virginia21 Organization

The Virginia21 Organization was awarded \$32,103. Virginia21's "Democracy 101" program will use posters, flyers, a website, campus newspaper ads, etc. to promote the poll worker program. Virginia21 has identified 21 localities located near 19 college campuses with a total approximate need between 2,464-2,589 additional Officers of Elections. Their goal is to recruit 1,000 new Officers of Elections throughout their 21 localities.

13) Suffolk University

Suffolk University was awarded \$31,849. Suffolk University plans to successfully recruit at least one professor at each partner site to integrate the college poll worker program into a standard fall course. In addition, their goal is to successfully recruit 75-100 students to serve as poll workers. Suffolk University will share best practices for training with the City of Boston's election department. They will also develop a train-the-trainer manual and trainer seminar so the City of Boston may have a set of additional certified trainers who can conduct trainings on campuses (and elsewhere) around Boston.

14) University of Missouri – Columbia

The University of Missouri-Columbia was awarded \$25,705. The University of Missouri, Columbia College's Institute of Public Policy plans to partner with the Boone County Clerk to recruit and train 75-100 college students from Columbia College and Stephens College to serve as poll workers in the November general election. The project plan is largely centered on the EAC's materials for recruiting college poll workers. Recruitment methods include posters, brochures, a mass media campaign, and a social network campaign. Additionally, faculty will be encouraged to offer extra credit to participating students.

15) Citizens Union Foundation

Citizens Union Foundation was awarded \$29,114. Their project is particularly important because the New York City Board of Elections estimates it will need 8,600 additional poll workers to supplement its regular staff of 30,000 on Election Day. Citizen Union's goal is to recruit 3,000 nonpartisan poll workers of which 50% or 1,500 will be college students. Recruitment efforts will include expansive and comprehensive internet based recruitment, and they will build upon existing

relationships with local colleges and universities to create on-campus recruitment and education on the election process.

16) St. Louis Community College

St. Louis Community College was awarded \$21,035. St. Louis Community College's four campuses plan to partner with the St. Louis City and St. Louis County election boards to fulfill a need for poll workers through the "Show-Me New Poll Workers" project. It is anticipated that 500 college students will be recruited to serve as poll workers in the November 2008 general election. Students with skills in foreign languages, American Sign Language, business administration and communication, art, computer science, and political science will be specifically targeted. Recruitment will be facilitated through career and employment services, personal recruitment, and question and answer sessions.

17) Henry Ford Community College

Henry Ford Community College (HFCC) was awarded \$32,167. HFCC will recruit student poll workers through classroom, club, and campus-wide events. Students enrolled in political science classes and Arabic-speaking students will be specifically targeted as well as the general student population through posters; information tables; flyers; the college newspaper, radio station, and website. Approximately 350 students will be recruited and the project anticipates 112 student poll workers will be utilized for the November general election.

18) University of Texas at El Paso – Center for Civic Engagement

The University of Texas at El Paso – Center for Civic Engagement, was awarded \$20,000. They propose to enhance an established partnership with local election administrators through "Border Poll Crew" recruitment of college poll workers, including bilingual students. The project has set a goal of 100 poll workers, including 75 bilingual poll workers. This goal is supported through a "Help America Vote" class with a civic education curriculum, class presentations, informational booths, and student ambassadors.

19) Auburn University Montgomery

Auburn University Montgomery was awarded \$25,750. This project is a joint effort between Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) and Montgomery County Election Center to target college students to serve as Election Day Precinct Officials, Absentee Voting Officials, Election Day Technicians, or Election Center Assistants. AUM aims to recruit 200-250 applicants with an end goal of 150 trained students working on Election Day. Recruitment methods are largely centered around a publicity campaign including flyers, class presentations, a lecture series, campus events, and online resources such as MySpace and Facebook.

20) McDaniel College

McDaniel College was awarded \$32,038. They seek to provide poll worker training for up to 100 McDaniel college students to work for Carroll and Baltimore County Election Commissions in the November 2008 election. Students will be recruited through a campus kick-off event in the Fall, class visits, and announcements coordinated through the campus newspaper, campus radio station, career services office, and various student organizations. Carroll County has agreed to accept 50 student workers already, and Baltimore County has requested between 75 and 100.

21) Onondaga Community College

Onondaga Community College was awarded \$16,785. They plan to expand their current partnership with the Onondaga County Board of Elections, which delivers poll worker training courses through its Office of Lifelong Learning, by linking the non-credit Poll Worker training program with the college's Social Science Department, Career and Applied Learning Center, and student organizations to encourage students to serve as poll workers. Onondaga Community College aims to recruit at least 240 students, with 170-180 successfully completing the training and serving as poll workers on Election Day.

22) Youngstown State University

Youngstown State University was awarded \$25,278. They intend to partner with Mahoning and Trumbull County Boards of Election to recruit and train 40-50 college students to serve as poll workers or assistants in the state elections. Recruitment strategies include the development of a website to promote the program and to provide students with current information about the program, distribution and posting of flyers and

brochures, speaking engagements, advertisement in the student newspaper, and online resources such as Facebook and MySpace.

23) Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation

The Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation was awarded \$22,577. A past recipient of the EAC College Poll Worker Program grant in 2004 and 2006, Northern Kentucky University plans to expand on the successful past programs. Four part-time students will be hired to coordinate outreach and serve as ambassadors of the program to exclusively recruit and educate potential poll workers across the campus. Recruitment will be facilitated in a variety of ways including: holding weekly recruitment events, information tables, classroom presentations in all University 101 classes, creation of a Facebook page, weekly ads in the campus newspaper, development of a website, and posters and banners. They aim to recruit at least 225 students as poll workers.

24) Northern Plains Tribal Voter Education Project

Northern Plains Tribal Voter Education Project was awarded \$32,167. They seek to help county auditors diversify the polling boards across the Northern Plain areas with significant Native American populations. They plan to target the Tribal Colleges to recruit students to be trained as poll workers. The Project has identified the importance of working closely with the county auditors to determine numbers of poll workers needed, training necessary, and Election Day placement. The program was previously funded in 2004 and the Project seeks to build on the positive experiences from 2004. The Project aims to place 75 tribal college students, from 16 tribal colleges, as poll workers.

25) New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) was awarded \$32,167. They plan to use existing relationships with extracurricular student groups, faculty, student life personnel, and other administrators on all of the 21 college campuses through New York State, to reach out and involve students. Methods for recruitment include: online recruitment, class presentations, campus club presentations, student government association outreach, information tables in high traffic areas on campuses, campus media, career office coordination, and various campus events. The State of New York has stated that an additional 8,000 pollworkers will be needed to adequately staff polls. NYPIRG aims to reach out to 15,000 college students and recruit 2,000 students to complete poll worker applications.

26) Greensboro College

Greensboro College was awarded \$32,167. They plan on recruiting and training students who attend college and universities in Guilford County, North Carolina, to serve as poll workers, particularly during the three-week Early Voting period. Recruitment will be accomplished through flyers, posters, and informational pamphlets, and classroom visits. Greensboro College plans to recruit 55 students to serve as poll workers.

27) The Southern Connecticut State University

The Southern Connecticut State University was awarded \$28,160. Their goal is to create a group of 40 trained, highly-educated, non-partisan student poll workers by offering two section of a three-credit introductory undergraduate course that presents an in-depth academic study of federal, state, and city elections, the history of U.S. elections, and the electoral process itself. Methods of recruitment will include social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, videos on YouTube, a web page on the university site, posters, flyers, student newspapers, etc.